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HANUR TEMPLE TRAGEDY

Police, Intelligence begin probe

Death toll rises to 14; forensic reports confirm heavy presence of pesticide in prasadam

District Minister G.T. Devegowda is seen at JSS Hospital this morning where a woman died due to poisoned prasadam that resulted in multiple deaths. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Dec. 17 (KMS,MTY&BCT)- The initial Police and Intelligence investigations into the incident of poisoning at Maramma Temple at Hanur Taluk in Chamarajanagar District has pointed the accusing fingers at two persons of a Mutt in Chamarajanagar and two others of the Maramma Temple.

They were vying with each other to take over the management of the Temple whose revenues and offerings have seen an upper growth over the last several years.

Government sources told *Star of Mysore* that a report in this regard will be tabled at the ongoing Winter Session of the Legislative Assembly at Belagavi today evening.

Intelligence and Police reports *prima facie* suggest that it was a well-planned sabotage by the two factions who have been at loggerheads over the Temple revenue and management control.

(See TEMPLE on page 9)

Kamal Nath, Ashok Gehlot take oath as CMs

Kamal Nath

Ashok Gehlot

Bhopal/Jaipur/Raipur, Dec.17- Veteran Congress leader Kamal Nath was sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh this afternoon. Nath is also the Chief of Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC).

Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to him in the presence of Congress President Rahul Gandhi and other Opposition leaders.

Earlier this morning, Congress leader Ashok Gehlot was sworn in as the 12th Chief Minister of Rajasthan in Jaipur. Also, Rajasthan Congress President Sachin Pilot took oath as Deputy Chief Minister.

Former PM Manmohan Singh was among others who attended the ceremony. Outgoing Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and former Union Minister Jitin Prasada were also present on the stage when Governor Kalyan Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy to Gehlot and Pilot in Jaipur's Albert Hall.

Chhattisgarh will also get a new Chief Minister today. Chhattisgarh Congress Legislature Party Leader Bhupesh Baghel will take oath as Chief Minister in the State capital Raipur in the evening. The swearing-in ceremonies in Jaipur, Raipur and Bhopal provided a platform to showcase the Opposition unity ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***"The joke that is JPC — Congress wants it on Rafael deal!"*** **—Ed**

Siddu to attend CLP meeting tomorrow

Congress MLAs exert pressure on high command to pull out of the coalition government

Bengaluru, Dec. 17 (OSR& Agencies)- The Congress Legislature Party meeting is likely to be held in Belagavi tomorrow and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is expected to participate. The meeting is being held in Belagavi as the Winter Session of the Assembly is being held there.

Siddharamaiah

Siddharamaiah's presence in the Session was delayed by a day today due to his last-minute plan to attend the swearing-in ceremonies of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Chief Ministers.

Following a directive from the Congress high command, Siddharamaiah had to cut short his Malaysia visit.

Though he returned yesterday, he chose to visit the swearing-in ceremonies. The former CM is expected to reach Belagavi tonight and participate in the CLP meeting tomorrow.

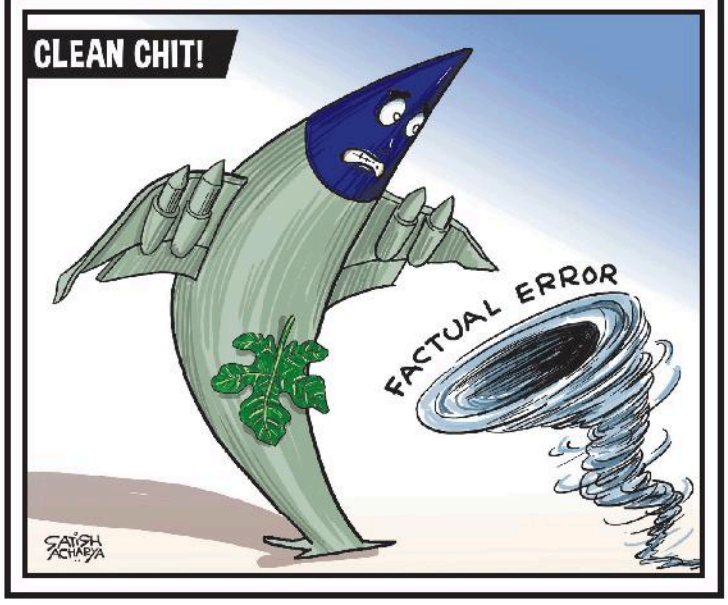
Disgruntled Legislators

At the CLP meeting, he is likely to face the task of pacifying disgruntled Congress legislators as more trouble seems to be brewing within the party, especially among senior and North Karnataka Legislators. Some of them have openly expressed unhappiness with Siddharamaiah's style of functioning.

Many MLAs are doubtful about the State Cabinet being expanded as promised on December 22. Eight of the 34 Cabinet positions are vacant, of which the Congress can fill up to six and the JD(S) two.

(See SIDDU on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Monday 17th December 2018

Downgrading Divinity

A seasoned columnist respected for his astute analysis of the ways of public figures in the West has rightly observed that the people we *need* to hear from most are the ones who *make* themselves heard the least. The land has a legacy of rich literature marked by words of wisdom attributed to its cognoscenti of yesteryears spanning many centuries. We are indebted to the scholars of our times who make it a point while addressing their captive audiences, to recall those gems irrespective of the faiths followed by the wise fraternity of the past, language of their writings, regions they are known to have lived in and other distinguishing features including their diverse social backgrounds. However, we are also obliged to contend with public speakers of our times who take fascination to smear the land's ancient texts and their authors in black, delighting themselves with vitriolic expressions taking cover under the constitutional provision of *freedom of speech,* despite some restrictive conditions stipulated for utilising that facility.

While the founders of all the faiths followed by people of different regions across the world are known to have spelt the unique message of people living with tolerance as their philosophy, not everybody is seen falling in line. One is prompted to invoke Chanakya whose quote reads: The serpent, the king, the tiger, the stinging wasp, the small child, the dog owned by other people and *the fool,* these seven ought not to be awakened from sleep.

Believing in the phenomenon of a superhuman agency, commonly perceived as God, with the status of *divinity,* having the last word as it were in fulfilling our wishes is best left to the choice of individuals, as far as forcing that belief on others is scrupulously avoided. More so, the various customs followed by people in the name of divinity, some of which don't quite gel with contemporary society, for good-bad-indifferent reasons, deserve revisiting in order to stay clear of controversies leading to disturbed ambiance in society. The episodes of some places of worship witnessing discrimination of the devotees on the basis of their caste and gender are examples.

Living in harmony in a society of people marked by diversities on various counts is best not compromised. Expressions such as 'There are more temples than toilets in India' attributed to a public speaker not too long ago is likely to be seen as downgrading divinity unnecessarily, if not wantonly.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BETTING ON KAMAL NATH: ***Even before the official announcement, the*** *satta* ***(betting) market had decided its Chief Minister for Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath. The Indore*** *satta* ***market bet 35 paisa on Kamal Nath and 60 paisa on Jyotiraditya Scindia. As we know, a lower price in the*** *satta* ***market indicates victory while a high price indicates a likely defeat.*** *Satta* ***market trends turned out to be true as far as the election results were concerned and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faced defeat. According to sources, the total betting amount on the likely CM has crossed Rs. 500 million.*** — *In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Prettiest Man' has to show his ID to prove he's male

Kuala Lumpur: A 22-year-old man from Malaysia, recently became an overnight internet sensation for his feminine features that apparently make it hard for people to tell whether he's male or female.

Photos of Abdussalam Firdaus Abdul Aziz have been doing the rounds online ever since it was reported that at a recent soccer game that he attended, he was asked to show his identification documents, because male security guards refused to do a body check on him, thinking that he was a woman.

"The Police didn't believe me when I told them that I'm a man. So they asked me to show my identity card," the 22-year-old said. Aziz didn't mind showing them his ID, adding that he's had this kind of problem before. A few years ago, he decided to cut his hair shorter to make himself look less feminine, but people started calling him a "tomboy" so he just let it grow back.

World's smallest pair of jeans

Istanbul: A tailor from Turkey has created the smallest machine-sewn pair of jeans in the world, measuring a mere 0.9 cm in length.

Kasim Andaç, 34, is now hoping that his liliput jeans will earn him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

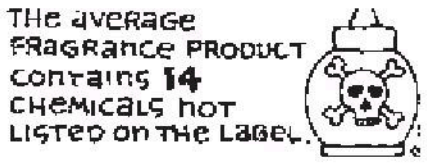
Kasim's father had made a pair of small jeans for his baby sister that he got inspired to make one himself. He then took on the challenge of sewing an even smaller pair, measuring 7.5 cm long, and eventually succeeded.

Later, he made a 5-cm pair too, but his father was determined to give Kasim stiff competition, taking it down to 2.5 cm.

Kasim's final answer to his father's challenge is his ultra-small 0.9-cm creation.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is contained in perfumes?



Perfumes are actually a sweet-smelling concoction derived from over 3,100 chemicals used by the fragrance industry. These chemicals are absorbed by the skin and lungs and enter the bloodstream. Perfumes are linked to liver toxicity, allergies, learning disabilities, brain fog, immune-system compromise and cancer.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Three-month Panchakarma Certificate Course

Mysuru, Dec.17 - The Directorate of Ayush, Government Ayurveda College and Hospital, has invited applications from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) community students to enroll for 3-month Panchakarma Certificate Course.

Training will be provided to 30 SC students and 12 ST students under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for the year 2018-19. A monthly stipend of Rs.7,500 will be given to the selected candidates. A pass in SSLC exam is a must to avail this certificate course. For details, contact the Nodal Officer for SCP/TSP programme, Dr. Radhakrishna Ramrao on Mob: 9845112305, according to a press release.

Bags Young Achiever Award

Mysuru, Dec. 17- P.N. Nihal, an eighth standard student of Rainbow Public School, Mysuru, has bagged 'Young Achiever Award-2018' given by Vinuthana Trust in recognition of his achievements in drawing, singing, flute and karate. The award was given by Vinuthana during its Founder's Day function organised at Sri Kuthettur Seetharam Bhavan in Krishnamurthypuram.

He has also received first place in flute recital competition organised by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam.

Nihal is the son of P.N. Naveen Kumar and Rashmi, residents of Roopanagar in city.

Really...?

- ***In Japan, death by overworking is so common that they have a word for it, "karoshi", and there is a separate Karoshi Hotline Network to help people affected by overworking and families of the deceased.***
- ***If you visit Japan and see an overwhelming number of people wearing surgical masks, don't worry, as it is not because of some disease or pollution, but because it has become a fashion trend, a way to keep the face warm, and to avoid interaction with strangers!***
- ***In Japanese, "yaeba" means teeth, especially the upper canines which are uncommonly crooked. Strangely enough, they are considered attractive in Japan, and hence many girls go to the dentist to have their normal teeth made crooked purposefully!***
- ***The Naki Sumo Baby Crying Contest is a contest in Japan where wrestlers compete to see who can make a baby cry first, and this has been in practice for hundreds of years.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Pintu called FM radio and said: *I have found a purse with Rs. 15,000, a credit card and an ID card of Mr. Roy, New Road, Kathmandu.*
RJ: *How honest, so you want to return his purse?*
Pintu: *No, I just wanted to dedicate a sad song for him !*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs.71.68
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VOICE OF THE READER

The Ordeal of DL Renewal

Sir,

I wish to bring to the attention of the authorities concerned my ordeal of renewing the driver's licence (DL).

I applied online for DL renewal as per the procedure, stood in three separate queues and submitted my application which took two days, at RTO Office, Mysore West. I got a prompt response the next day through SMS on my mobile that my application was accepted. I was hoping to receive my DL within 30 days, but it never came even after 60 days!

I sent an email, went to the ever crowded office without any success. I also wrote to RTO, enclosing the details in my email a few days ago. Now it is nearly three months, I am yet to receive my DL. I am driving without DL and if I get into a problem, I am penalised, but for the inaction of RTO, there is no penalty.

Senior citizens and women go through this harrowing experience, which otherwise, should be a routine procedure. No wonder, people resort to middle men and thus encouraging corruption. Public are always at the receiving end !

—Dr. T. Shivanandappa
Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
8.12.2018

Subway planned near Zoo: A suggestion

Sir,

This refers to the news in a section of the press that there is a proposal to link the parking lot located opposite to the Zoo and Zoo Complex via a subway or an underpass. Though it is a very good proposal, it should not meet the same fate as that of the subway near Exhibition Grounds. It should be well-maintained and properly lit to avoid antisocial elements misusing it.

Once subway is completed, a high raised permanent road divider (not temporary barricades) to the possible extent of the distance needs to be provided on the road to avoid the money to be spent on subway going to the drain. Otherwise, people will forgo its use as one can see near Bata Showroom on Sayyaji Rao Road and near the Exhibition Grounds, and cross the road as they like by ignoring even zebra crossings. Hope, the authorities will keep this in mind while taking up subway construction work.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra
Roopanagar
8.12.2018

Environmental School Warden Programme

Mysuru, Dec.17- Kautilya Vidyalaya and Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be launching an Environmental School Warden Programme (ESWP) at Kautilya Vidyalaya in Dattagalli here tomorrow (Dec. 18) at 10 am.

MGP has suggested this novel programme to get school and college students involved in keeping Mysuru green and clean.

MGP volunteers had interacted at five schools (Kautilya Vidyalaya, Vijaya Vittala, Lions Sevaniketan, Mahajana Public and Shanthala Vidyapeetha) to develop this programme intended to tap the creative potential of children. It is hoped that self-motivated children acting as environmental wardens will succeed in increasing citizen responsibility to keep the city clean. During the launch, two young girls who have already taken up this task even before the start of this initiative will be declared as Ambassadors for this programme.

Mayor opens Gruha Shobhe

Cake replica of Rajasthan bride main attraction

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath is seen inaugurating Gruha Shobhe International Living Style Exhibition at Maharaja's College Grounds in city on Dec. 14 as Nagachandra, Director, Simon Exhibitors and others look on. Pictures right and below of cake replicas.

Mysuru, Dec.17-Ahead of Christmas and New year, Dolphin 'Bakes N' Ice Creams has organised the 9th edition of Cake Show at the ongoing Gruha Shobhe Exhibition at Maharaja's College Grounds in city. The expo was inaugurated by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath.

This time Dolphin has displayed 25 types of wedding cakes, all weighing around 700 kg and the special attraction is a replica of Rajasthan bride.

There is a lucky dip draw daily at Gruha Shobhe where visitors can shop for electronic items, household appliances such as solar products, power saver, mixers, grinders, refrigerators, washing machines, TV, juicers, water purifiers, vegetable choppers of various makes, apart from hair dryers, hair straighteners and even body massagers. Furniture of different varieties are also available at the exhibition.

Various food stalls serving delicious snacks are another point of attraction for visitors at **Gruha Shobhe which is open to the public from 11 am to 9 pm till Dec. 23. Entry is Rs. 20.**

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Two days after fire incident...

Vontikoppal Girls Hostel wears deserted look

Mysuru, Dec.17 (PM&SR)- Two days after the fire incident which triggered stampede resulting in injuries to 48 students when they ran for safety after the fire broke out at UPS facility Room, the Government Post-Matric Students Hostel for Girls at Vontikoppal now wears a deserted look. Almost all the 372 students have vacated the hostel and have left for their respective places and relatives' place.

When *Star of Mysore* went around the hostel here this morning, it was found that the hostel was empty and most of the rooms of students at the hostel locked. The hostel premises wore a deserted look.

Except Hostel staff and Warden, no students were seen in the campus as the students are yet to recover from the shock. Worried parents had taken their children home after the fire incidents on Saturday evening.

The students had vacated the hostel as the situation in the hostel is scary due to lack of safety and fire prevention facilities in the hostel.

Meanwhile, all the 48 students who were injured and admitted at DRM Hospital and Brindavan Hospital were discharged last evening. They left for their native places immediately.

UPS facility room repaired

Joint Director of Social Welfare Department Bindiya told *Star of Mysore* that the Department had got the UPS room where the fire broke due to short circuit, repaired. The damaged wires and other equipment were replaced.

She said that the Department has taken all safety measures and there was no need for the students to fear. They can return to the hostel, she added.

"As some students refused to stay in the hostel after the fire mishap, the department had shifted them to other hostels in city temporarily. As reported in some newspapers, not all students had vacated the hostel, but many of them were shifted to other hostels and some are staying in their relatives' houses in city" Bindiya said.

She said that the students, who had left the hostel, would return to hostel within a week after recovering from the shock and injury. The Government had asked the Department to take private buildings on rental basis in city to shift the students who were in excess. The department has expedited this process of identifying private buildings to be taken on rent, she added.

Hostel Warden Kamakshamma, who fainted in front of District Minister G.T. Devegowda when he visited Brindavan Hospital to enquire the health of the injured students yesterday, was seen overseeing the hostel management this morning. She too said that the students would return to the hostel within a week.

Social Welfare Department
Jt. Director inspects Hostel

Mysuru, Dec.17 (PM&SR)- Two days after the fire mishap, Joint Director of the Social Welfare Department Bindiya inspected the Post-Matric Students Hostel for Girls at Vontikoppal here this morning.

She inspected the UPS room, kitchen, dormitory and other facilities at the hostel.

Later, speaking to media, she said that the **Department has decided to hold a workshop to sensitise the cooks, hostel wardens and staff working in Social Welfare Department-run hostels.**

She said that the workshop will be held in the next 15 days where experts will conduct first-aid training besides providing tips on safety measures in handling UPS, electric equipment and appliances installed in hostels. She said that the Govt. has taken all measures to ensure safety of students in the Department-run hostels.

Ensure safety: Former Mayor Purushotham, who also accompanied the Social Welfare Joint Director, demanded the State Government to ensure safety of students, especially girls staying in Government hostels. Also number of hostels should be increased according to the increasing student's strength every year, he added.

"There is no dearth of funds in Social Welfare Department. Officials should shun their apathetic attitude and utilise the funds effectively for the welfare of SC, ST, Backward Classes and other economically weaker sections in the society. Government should spend more money for constructing hostels," Purushotham said.

MCC Janaspandana

Mysuru, Dec.17 (RKB&US)- Grievances poured in from over 70 residents at the MCC Janaspandana held at MCC Zonal Office-7 near Ambedkar (FTS) Circle here this morning.

Janaspandana was chaired by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath.

Residents of Ward 27 complained that Jogi Siddaiah Park and Gandhinagar Market were in a very bad condition. They alleged that the Dalit Community Hall was being misused and sought an end to illegal constructions and encroachment of footpaths. Corporator Rafiq Ahmed replied that tenders have been invited for regular upkeep of the Park and Market. Asst. Commissioner Mahesh said, all Community Halls were being scrutinised for proper functioning. He assured that all footpath encroachments were being evicted in a phased manner.

Residents of Veeranagere alleged that they were receiving water bills amounting to thousands of rupees. Mahesh contended that the arrears had mounted phenomenally because of addition of interest and suggested the residents to pay the principal arrears in instalments as MCC had appealed government to waive the interest portion.

N'gud Temple employees stage demonstration

Nanjangud, Dec.17 (RS&DM)- Even as the priests and employees of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru ended their stir seeking fulfilment of their demands on the second day of the stir on Saturday, priests and employees of Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud staged a demonstration in front of the Temple this morning to press the Government for addressing their issues.

Maintaining that Srikanteshwara Temple is classified as 'A' Grade Temple and was among the richest temples of the State, earning a huge revenue every year, the employees claimed that the Muzrai Department was paying wages that was stipulated over 20 years ago.

Demanding that the Temple employees be covered under the State's Sixth Pay Commission, the protesters urged the Government to regularise the services of contract employees, sanction of one month pay as bonus, jobs to the kith and kin on compassionate grounds in case of employee's death and payment of Rs.5 lakh as honorarium on retirement, among others.

The protesters submitted a memorandum containing their charter of demands to the Temple Executive Officer Kumaraswamy, Muzrai Tahsildar Yathiraj Sampathkumar and Nanjangud Acting Tahsildhar Mahesh who visited the spot. Following assurance from the officials that their demands will be forwarded to the Government for consideration, the employees called off the protest in the afternoon.

Due to the protest, all pujas and rituals at the Temple were suspended after the regular abhisheka was performed early this morning. Srikanteshwara Temple Employees Association office-bearers were present.

Two houses burgled at RMP Quarters

Valuables, cash worth about Rs.30 lakh stolen

Mysuru, Dec.17 (SBD&KS)- Miscreants, who burgled two houses located at RMP quarters in Kuvempunagar, have decamped with gold ornaments, silver articles and cash worth about Rs.30 lakh from the two houses.

The burglaries took place at the houses belonging to Sadhana Prasad and Sreenivasa Rao at Brahmaputra Block in the quarters.

The burglars have decamped with gold ornaments worth about Rs.26 lakh, silver articles worth about Rs.2.5 lakh and Rs.2.6 lakh cash from the two houses.

On Dec.13 evening, Sadhana Prasad left for Bengaluru, from where he left for Patna the next day. On Dec.14 evening, the neighbour of Prasad, calls Prasad's mother over the phone and informs her about the burglary. Prasad's mother, who came to his house in Mysuru on Dec.15, inspected the house and found gold jewellery worth about Rs.19.10 lakh, silver articles worth about Rs.6,000 and Rs.2 lakh cash kept in the house missing.

Meanwhile, Sreenivasa Rao too had left for Tirupathi along with his family on Dec.13.

The next day evening, Rao receives a call from his neighbour Krishnakumar, who informs him about the burglary.

When Rao came back to his house on Dec.15, he finds the door broken and on entering the house, he found document papers, clothes and other things scattered and on further inspection, he finds gold ornaments worth about Rs.7 lakh, silver articles worth about Rs.2.5 lakh and Rs.60,000 cash kept in the almirah stolen.

Ashokapuram Police visited the two houses and registered separate cases based on the complaints.

It may be recalled that about five months back, two houses allotted to Gopalakrishna and Sagai Das in DFRL Quarters were burgled. The burglars had decamped with gold ornaments and cash worth lakhs of rupees from the two houses. Now, the burglaries in RMP Quarters have taken place in the similar way.

Though there are tight security arrangements at both the quarters, it is to be known how the burglars got past the security and committed the crime?

Fencing of private property near Lalitha Mahal Helipad

Mysuru, Dec.17- Even as a solution to the Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 land row remains elusive, the work on the fencing of a private property near Lalitha Mahal Helipad has reportedly commenced.

K. Manu, who claims to be the General Power of Attorney (GPA) holder of 7 acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 said to be owned by one S. Meenakshi, has started iron fencing work by digging pits for pole erection.

A dug up pit seen at Lalitha Mahal Helipad

K. Manu said that as garbage was dumped indiscretely on the land, the garbage cleaning work was done spending lakhs of rupees. But waste and garbage dumping has continued unabatedly. Alcoholics have thrown liquor bottles on this vacant space and the area has become a haven for illegal activities.

Even the PWD has let out this land for film-shooting at a daily rent of Rs.10,000, without our knowledge, he said.

Maintaining that the PWD has been misusing the land in violation of a Court order, Manu defended fencing of the land saying that it was meant to save the property, for which he is the GPA holder.

It may be mentioned here that S. Meenakshi, claiming that the High Court had stayed the then DC's order declaring land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 as 'B' kharab land (Government land), in respect to the said seven acres of land, which she claims to be its owner, had erected a Board at the site mentioning that the land belongs to her.

Just before Dasara festivities, Meenakshi had also submitted a memorandum to the DC not to use the land for any purpose without her consent.

Three persons including senior citizen go missing from city

Mysuru, Dec.17 (KS)- In separate cases, two youths and a senior citizen have gone missing from Mysuru.

In the first case, 23-year-old

Raghavendra

Raghavendra of Gudumadanahalli in the taluk, who left his house on Dec.13, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his father Krishna at Mysuru South Police Station.

In the second case, 25-year-old Ramesh of Hosahundi, who left his house on Nov.20, saying that he was going to Basavegowda Circle, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his father Basavegowda at Mysuru South Police Station.

Ramesh

Those having any information about the missing youths may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to the Police press release.

In the third case, 62-year-old Mallinayaka, who left his house at Vidyanagar in city on Nov.18, has gone missing.

According to the complaint lodged by his son at Nazarbad Police Station, Mallinayaka left the house saying that he was going to his native place but has not reached the place till date.

Those having information about Mallinayaka, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

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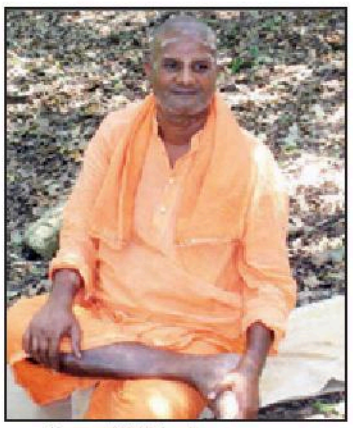
Prasadam poisoning: 7 named in FIR

Junior and Senior Seers of Salur Mutt at Male Mahadeshwara Temple grilled



Immadi Mahadevaswamy

Hanur, Dec. 17 (Somashekhar&BCT))- The Ramapura Police who have been investigating the case of suspected poisoning of prasadam that led to the death of over 14 devotees of Kichugutti Maramma Temple at Sulwadi in Hanur Taluk of Chamarajanagar district has filed an FIR against seven persons.

Cases have been booked under IPC Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) against Temple Trustee Chinnatthi, Manager Mahadevaswamy alias Madesha, cooks Eranna, Puttaswamy, Lokesh and temple priest Mahadev.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) Dharmendra Singh Meena said that four teams comprising 20 officers, led by Kollegal Dy.SP Puttamadaiah are investigating the case. "The information shared by the suspects is being cross-verified. All leads are being pursued but nothing concrete has emerged so far," he said.

The Police have also questioned the Seers of Salur Mutt Immadi Vedabrahma Guruswamy and his junior Immadi Mahadevaswamy at Male Mahadeshwara Hills. SP Dharmendra Kumar Meena said: "As is the procedure, both the Seers who have been associated with the temple have been questioned. While Guruswamy took part in the puja organised as part of the ceremony to lay foundation stone for development works, Immadi Mahadevaswamy is the President of the Temple Trust.

Barring three persons — Chinnatthi, Madesha and Poojari Mahadeva who have been taken into custody for interrogation, no formal arrests have been made so far. Both Immadi Vedabrahma Guruswamy and his junior Immadi Mahadevaswamy were questioned separately and the Junior Seer was grilled for four hours, sources said.

Meanwhile, Immadi Mahadevaswamy has denied his role in the poisoning incident. "There is an inseparable and age-old relationship between the Salur Mutt and the Maramma Temple," he said. Speaking to reporters at the Mutt premises at MM Hills, the Seer said yesterday that there is no division between the priests and the temple management.

"There was a dispute between Bhrameshwara Temple management and the management of the Maramma Temple 20 years back. Apart from this, there is no other dispute at Maramma Temple. Our Salur Mutt has a cordial relationship with the Maramma Temple since 30 years and there is no question of poisoning the devotees," he said.

On the question why he, despite being the President of the Temple Trust, did not attend the foundation laying ceremony of the Gopura on the day the tragedy occurred, Immadi Mahadevaswamy said that the decision was unanimously taken to construct the Gopura.

"That day, I was to visit the temple but I went there late as there was a large number of devotees at the Salur Mutt and moreover the Senior Seer Immadi Vedabrahma Guruswamy had already left the Mutt for the temple. So I had to stay back," he said.

The Seer added that he had been to the Maramma Temple late but was told by the devotees not to go there as there was a possibility of rioting following the poisoning incident. "I am deeply shocked by the incident and we have been contemplating to hand over Rs. 50,000 to the families of victims who have lost their lives," he added.

POLICE CLARIFY

Meanwhile, the Police have clarified that the death of Prakash, a resident of Chikka Ankanahalli in Srirangapatna Taluk was not due to pesticide poisoning at Maramma Temple. 30-year-old Prakash was found dead on the steps of Hanur Town Panchayat Office on Saturday, a day after the poisoning incident took place.

Earlier, it was suspected that Prakash had consumed the poison-laced prasadam at the Maramma Temple. Examining the post-mortem report, the timing of the death and the timing of the prasadam distributed at the temple, the Police concluded that Prakash's death was not due to poisoning.

Chamarajanagar DC dismisses Maramma Temple Management

B.B. Cauvery

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (OSR)- The Chamarajanagar District Administration has dismissed the Management Committee of the Kichugutti Maramma Temple in Sulwadi over poisoning of prasadam. This decision was taken by Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner B.B. Cauvery and she has recommended that Muzrai Department must take over the shrine.

The DC's move came as the Police have suspected that the poisoning incident was the result of a tussle between groups to take control of revenue at the shrine. Confirming about this development, Cauvery told reporters that the District Administration now controls the privately managed temple. Guidelines will be issued to follow dasoha system while distributing food.

The dasoha system is followed by many temples that come under Muzrai Department to ensure that the food is safe for consumption. Soon, an administrator will be appointed to manage the Maramma Temple, sources said and added that the administrator will take control of the Temple documents, revenue and expenditure decisions.

Meanwhile, the Maramma Temple authorities are alleged to have violated eco-sensitive zone norms. Many unapproved structures have been erected in and around the Temple, which falls under the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

As per the norms, no construction activities are allowed in the region. But the Temple authorities have constructed a guest house, a kitchen, halls and sheds near the temple. The place, where the temple is located, belongs to the Forest Department and the Temple authorities are alleged to have encroached upon 2.5 acres of forest land.

According to sources, the Forest Department had opposed the construction works on the premises, but could not take action as the locals and a few influential persons intervened.

Corporator prevented from serving tomato bath

Mysuru, Dec.17-A Corporator was stopped from distributing tomato bath in K.R. Hospital premises yesterday. Seeing vessels carrying tomato bath, several people objected as it was a similar food, laced with poison that had caused the death of over 14 people at Maramma Temple at Hanur. Many patients are still being treated at K.R. Hospital and several other hospitals in city.

Congress Corporator Lokesh (Piya) had brought tomato bath, buttermilk and bananas to be distributed among the people visiting the hospital only to be restrained by the Police. Lokesh had brought the food items in a huge container which was sufficient for 300 to 400 people. He also started to distribute the same, when a Policeman warned him against doing so.

The Policeman was joined by Hospital authorities who informed Lokesh that barring biscuit and milk, food items made out of rice are not allowed to be served by the private parties at the hospital. Following this, Lokesh distributed only banana and buttermilk.

Decennial celebrations of Mysore Art Gallery

FROM LEFT: *Kannada Sahitya Kalakuta President M. Chandrashekar, art patron Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Rajeshwari Vastralankara Rangathanda President B.M. Ramachandra and Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba, who were felicitated during the tenth anniversary celebrations of Mysore Art Gallery at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises yesterday, are seen with (standing from right) Mysore Art Gallery Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, President L. Shivalingappa, Karnataka Lalitha Kala Academy Chairman Prof. M.J. Kamalakshi, Littérateur Prof. Malali Vasanthakumar, Social Worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee and artist M.R. Manohar.*

Mysuru, Dec.17 (NNN)- The tenth anniversary celebration of Mysore Art Gallery set up by artist L. Shivalingappa, drew appreciation for his silent contribution to the field of art by everyone present at the function.

The celebration was held at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises here yesterday and the drawings, paintings and other works of 14 artistes exhibited at Suchitra Art Gallery was also inaugurated on the occasion.

Littérateur Prof. Malali Vasanthakumar, speaking after releasing two books written by Shivalingappa titled *'Sadhakara Savi Hejje'* and *'Kalanveshaka Traiyaru'* lauding the efforts of the author, said that the author who had travelled the world and understood the richness of Indian art and culture by his simple and effective writing had focused on the three great artists Anand Kumar, K.K. Hebbar and Picasso in his book.

On the occasion, art patron Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Rajeshwari Vastralankara Rangathanda President B.M. Ramachandra, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba and Kannada Sahitya Kalakuta President M. Chandrashekar were felicitated.

Karnataka Lalitha Kala Academy Chairman Prof. M.J. Kamalakshi spoke about the contributions of Shivalingappa.

There was also a seminar that followed in which Prof. C.V. Sridharamurthy, Dr. D.A. Upadhya, Dr. Vittal Reddy Chuluki and Ramadas Adhyantaya participated.

The exhibition at the Suchitra Art Gallery where the artists including L.S.S. Achar's drawings, N.B. Kaverappa's paintings, K.S. Narasimhamurthy's black and white portraits and photographs, Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle's landscapes, Muni Rao Mane's collection of photographs of cars and Goddess and Goddesses paintings, embroidery work of Sumitra Putty with life like portrayal of Shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan, peacocks painted on waste cloths by art teacher K.H. Radha are all very eye-catching.

Mysore Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa, Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, Treasurer Prabha Shivalingappa, former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna, Social Worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee and others were present during the inaugural.

Vyshnavi Datta to present Music Feature on Veena Shivaramayya's compositions

Under the grant-in-aid provided by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, young musician of Mysuru *Sangeetha Vidushi* **Vyshnavi Datta** will present a unique music feature based on the compositions of Veena Shivaramayya. It will be held on Dec.18 at Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha) on JLB Road in city at 6 pm.

Vyshnavi Datta

Musician (USA) Dr. S. Sridhara will inaugurate the programme. K.S. Datta, Bharathi Datta and C.V. Nagaraj will be the chief guest. Bharatanatyam artiste Dr. Radhika Nandakumar will be the guest of honour. Musician Dr. R.S. Nandakumar will preside.

Shivaramayya was a court musician during the times of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and he was one of the prominent stalwart musicians

Veena Shivaramayya

amongst the Mysore Composers. It may be noted here that this feature is the rare one which portrays an entire event based on one music composer.

On this occasion, Brahmavidya and Urs Community will give a gift of money towards the expenses for Education Tour by the Gadi Chowka Government School students. Vyshanavi will also participate in this gift of money by saving from the expenses on the music feature.

R. Pavan, who will host the next day's Bharatanatyam feature, will also contribute towards this on behalf of his dance troupes.

SKYWATCH

Brightest Comet 'Wirtanen' at its best in December

The most beautiful celestial object perceptible in the night sky is the 'Comet.' Most of the time, Comets remain in deep-frozen "sleep" in outer space, but occasionally they are dislodged from their orbits and fall forward the inner solar system.

Comets are at their brightest when they are closest to the Sun, it is best to search for them in the sky directly after sunset although never when the Sun is still above the horizon. In the month of December 2018, fix your stares on the sky to watch the spasmodic comet 'Wirtanen.' Throughout December, it will be visible in the Northern Hemisphere.

The behaviour of the comets is highly unpredictable. Comets large enough to be detected in the outer solar system may prove to have thick, insulating crusts that they never develop, whereas smaller comets may be as insubstantial as a snowball and melt away to fragments as they come closer to the Sun.

We can expect a ghostly green blob to grow brighter in the sky near Lynx, Taurus and Eridanus in the coming days, as Comet 46P/Wirtanen makes it closest approach to the Earth in 20 years.

This comet made its closest approach on December 16, flying by just 7,199,427 miles (11,586,350 kilometres) from our planet. That's about 30 times the distance to the moon. It sounds far away, but in celestial terms, this is a close flyby — among the 10 closest cometary approaches since 1950.

Comets are the least predictable members of the solar system. A 'Comet' is a ball of ice and dust that orbits Sun. Professional observatories rarely have time to devout to scan skies in search of new celestial objects, so amateur astronomers, using simple equipment, often discover comets. Presently, 'Wirtanen' can be seen in 'Taurus' or 'Lynx' constellation at a magnitude of 2 and has been getting brighter and larger since November 2018.

Although it was low in September 2018, it moved rapidly and can be located very high in the evening sky. The comet 'Wirtanen' is undoubtedly an evening comet and is clearly visible from even small telescopes from 11 pm to 2 am, provided the night sky should be absolutely clear.

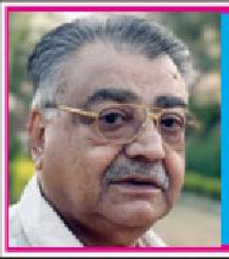
Wirtanen is one of three comets that astronomer Carl Wirtanen discovered in 1948. It makes flybys of Earth every 5.4 years, cycling in a short orbit that makes it a part of the Jupiter-class family of comets. Wirtanen has a small nucleus. The Hubble Space Telescope examined Wirtanen in 1996 and found a tiny core of only seven-tenths of a mile (1.1 km), one of the smallest cometary nuclei we know of.

Presently the comet could be seen in southeastern sky. Since comet 'Wirtanen' is generally referred to as an 'evening comet', it is usually seen at around 11:45pm. Even with the help of small telescopes and binoculars, the comet is noticeable. But the best time to witness this periodic comet is around 11 pm to 2 am. The comet is visible from all parts of India.

The various astronomical devices used to witness this particular comet are Celstron Nexstar11 telescope, Meade F3.3 focal reducer, and Stellacam II video camera.

During the first two weeks of April also, comet is clearly visible. The reflecting telescope with 6-inch reflector will do to witness this comet. So enjoy watching 'Wirtanen' and reveal the magnificence of astronomy.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

The joke that is JPC

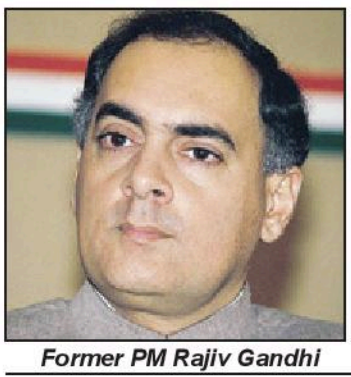
Congress wants it on Rafael deal !

The Supreme Court (SC) was perceived as soft towards some senior advocates appearing for Congress or in cases where success of the case would indirectly benefit Congress in the 2019 Parliamentary elections. For example, when an advocate told the Court that the case about Ayodhya Land Dispute be taken up after 2019 Parliamentary election and when the matter relating to the allegedly 'mysterious' death of Judge B.H. Loya, who was presiding over the infamous Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case was admitted by the SC.

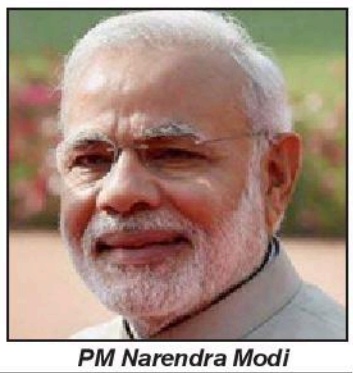
Again when SC admitted multiple PIL cases demanding **Rafael deal** probe (rejected by the Apex Court on Dec. 14, 2018). Now with the SC snubbing the lobby and the Congress in the Rafael deal case, the perception about the Supreme Court being soft to the "lobby" is changing.

But then the trouble for the Modi Government, specially Modi, who has been called '*chor*' by Congress President Rahul Gandhi to the point of *ad nauseum*, does not seem to have abated much less ended with this historic verdict of the SC. Look at the pandemonium in the Parliament on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 created by the Congress. Having lost its battle, vicariously fought, in the SC, Congress was insisting on a **Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe.**

Small wonder, why Congress did not think of demanding a JPC probe alongside the pending PIL cases in the **SC which sought the Rafael deal to be terminated** as it allegedly suffered from serious irregularities and when another petition (paradoxically) by former BJP Union Ministers, Yashwant Sinha and Arun Shourie, and advocate Prashant Bhushan **sought a probe** on the basis of former French President Francois Hollande saying that the French Government had no option in the choice of an Indian Offset



Former PM Rajiv Gandhi



PM Narendra Modi

Partner (IOP) and that the Modi Government wanted a novice Reliance Defence Company as the IOP. In other words, to favour Reliance with financial benefits.

Be that as it may, I wonder, if a JPC is set up to probe into the Rafael deal, whether it would really bring out the truth at all. For two reasons: First when the SC itself has found that there was no substance in the allegation and no wrong doing as alleged by the multiple petitioners, that too after scrutinising documents given to the Court in sealed envelopes, how could JPC unearth wrongdoing or corruption? Should the JPC, if and when set up, come out with evidence of wrongdoing, what will be the predicament of the SC? A matter of conjecture.

From our experience, JPCs in the past had produced only a fiction. In any case, the JPC would not be any different in its composition and also findings from the one constituted to probe the **Bofors-India deal. It would be interesting to recall how that JPC and the Congress party reduced the Parliament to a rubber stamp and damaged one of the strong pillars of our Democracy.** By sheer habit, it seems, Congress wants to repeat the JPC drama to keep the heat on Modi till 2019.

According to a report in the *Indian Express* of Dec. 2010, the JPC that probed Bofors-India deal was set up, after much resistance, following revelations made by **Swedish Radio on April 16, 1987,** that Indian politicians and officials were bribed by **Swedish arms-maker Bofors** to win a contract to supply **field guns.**

The Bofors deal was signed by the Rajiv Gandhi Government just a year before the scandal broke out. Though the Congress had 410 MPs in the Lok Sabha, it was rattled by the 'Breaking News' from Sweden and **launched a massive cover-up to shield Rajiv Gandhi and his family from the allegation** that they had received commissions from Bofors via front companies and friends with Swiss Bank accounts. As more and more information about the payoffs poured in, the Opposition stepped up pressure for a JPC.

The Congress conceded the demand in three months when it realised that the people had begun to believe that the Prime Minister had something to hide. However, even as it did so, it ensured that the **terms of reference put the Committee in a straitjacket. It did not want the Committee to travel abroad or record the testimonies of witnesses in Sweden and Switzerland.**

Given these constraints, the Opposition felt that the **JPC was a toothless wonder and decided to stay away.** The Congress, however, went ahead with this **lame duck inquiry** and packed the committee with loyalists of Nehru-Gandhi family and chose the most trusted loyalist — B. Shankaranand — as its Chairman.

Since it had over 400 members in the LS, this JPC was an overwhelmingly Congress Committee. Further, in order to give the Committee an 'all-party' veneer, some MPs of the smaller, friendly parties who reluctantly occupy Opposition benches, were drafted as members.

Shankaranand lived up to the great expectations that his leader had in him and produced a report which was dubbed a 'whitewash' by all citizens who could sift fiction from fact. **The Committee claimed in its April 1988 report that no middleman was involved in the gun deal and there was no evidence of commissions or bribes having been paid.** The Committee did not summon a single Minister or pose a single question that would have embarrassed the Government.

Surprising, at that time neither the Opposition party nor the NGOs went to the SC with a PIL like it is done now by the well-wishers of Rahul, Congress and internal dissenters of BJP regarding Rafael deal.

Within weeks, the media produced damning evidence of payments made by Bofors to several entities including **Ottavio Quattrocchi,** a friend of Sonia and Rajiv Gandhi, in whose account Bofors had deposited $7.3 million. Quattrocchi escaped from the country, with Police under Congress closing their eyes. Alleluia!

A year later, the Comptroller and Auditor General questioned many conclusions of this JPC, including the ones pertaining to agents and commissions. He wondered why the government had not acted on the advice of the Indian Ambassador in Sweden that Bofors' Books of Account be examined by Indian auditors and why the **Bofors contract did not specifically contain the 'no agents' clause.**

As all this evidence tumbled out, it became obvious that Shankaranand Committee Report was not worth the paper it was printed on. No other Parliamentary Committee had **wrought such damage to the institution of Parliament as this one. But then, the credibility and dignity of the Parliament has always been sacrificed by the Congress to protect its first family.** And now, one wonders, with what face the same Congress is demanding a JPC on Rafael deal after a clean chit given by the SC !

Unfortunately, we now hear the rumblings of resentment to the judgement from both the BJP and the Congress, of course, for different reasons.

While the BJP says the verdict of the SC was a great victory for the Government, the Congress says the BJP Government has misled the SC by filing a misleading affidavit.

In a rebuttal, the Government says the SC misread the note (affidavit), hence has moved the Apex Court on Dec. 15 for correction in the judgement saying, the Court erred in **English grammar** and misinterpreted the information submitted to it in a sealed cover with the note about the pricing of 36 fighter jets deal.

Reading about the corrections sought, I realised, English is the most deceptive language ever; not a precise one. I should now learn the difference between **'has been'** and **'is'** and probably turn to Wren & Martin grammar text of my school days. I am afraid, our SC Judges may have to now call in an English language expert to clarify this confusion !

Interestingly, today's newspapers inform us that the DMK Supremo M.K. Stalin, son of late M. Karunanidhi, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has proposed Rahul Gandhi's name as the Prime Ministerial candidate at an Opposition meet in Chennai. **It is nothing but one Dynasty paying tribute to another Dynasty.** In fact, except for Mamata Banerjee and Mayawati, all others in the Opposition are from **Regional Dynasties.** It is like Kings paying tributes to the Emperor. Nawabs of small principalities paying *Nazrana* to the Shahenshah.

Today, it is an imperative for Indian voters to save India from its Dynastic rulers in order to save India's Democracy and Secularism. Has the Indian voter thought about correcting this fault-line in our present Democracy?

Jai Hind

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Seven Turnstile Automatic Gates inaugurated at MRC

Star of Mysore ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, who inaugurated Turnstile Gates at Mysore Race Club premises in city this morning, seen with*** *(from left)* ***R. Prasad, Proprietor of USP Integrated who installed the facility, Acting MRC Chairman L. Vivekananda, former Steward Rohini Kumar Babu, former Chairman Hanuman Prasad and MRC Stewards H. Kusumakar Shetty and Dr. N. Nithyananda Rao.*** *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (RK&NNN)- For the first time in the history of the nearly 100-year-old Mysore Race Club (MRC) at its present premises at the foot of Chamundi Hill manual gates have been replaced by seven automated Turnstile Gates.

Star of Mysore Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy inaugurated the gates this morning. Out of the seven automated gates installed, three are at the main entrance, two in the grandstand, one each in car park and stable entry.

The main reason for such a step is to check the entry of unauthorised visitors and for security purpose. Earlier, lot of people were entering the MRC without buying any tickets. Bar code tickets will be issued to public which will be scanned before they gain entry into the Club.

A view of one of the newly-installed automatic gates.

The entry to the Club Members and staff is by bio-metric system. Acting Chairman L. Vivekananda, former Chairmen B.G. Muthappa and Hanuman Prasad, Stewards H. Kusumakar Shetty and Dr. N. Nithyananda Rao, Committee Members Shankar Rao, Suresh Kumar, Ramesh, MRC Secretary K.G. Ananthraj Urs and others were present.

Siddu to attend CLP meeting tomorrow

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A group of senior MLAs, including Ramalinga Reddy, R. Roshan Baig and M.T.B. Nagaraj, and H.M. Revanna, MLC, recently met and decided to pour out their woes during the CLP meeting. They are hurt and upset with the party leaders, including Siddharamaiah for ignoring their seniority. They are miffed as their candidature for ministerial berths is not even being discussed before the Cabinet expansion.

PRESSURE TO PULL OUT

Meanwhile, buoyed by the victory of Congress in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, a section of party leaders is exerting pressure on the party top brass to withdraw the support extended to the JD(S) government and face Assembly polls along with Lok Sabha elections, Congress sources said.

Congress MLAs are also expressing unhappiness over the functioning style of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and too much interference by his brother-PWD Minister H.D. Revanna.

The leaders have also suggested the party leaders that if the Congress withdraws the support now, the probability of JD(S) going with BJP to form the government is unlikely. This will not only expose JD(S), but BJP as well, sources added.

With all these things, the current situation is advantageous for the Congress in Karnataka, the party must explore this option, several leaders suggested. Some MLAs have also suggested this to Siddharamaiah, who is learnt to have agreed to take up this matter with the party high command, sources said.

Obituary

Mandanervanda K. Chinnappa

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Retired Dy.SP Mandanervanda K. Chinnappa (Mani) passed away at his residence at #260 I Block Jayalakshmipuram near Chandrakala Hospital in city. He was 76.

He leaves behind his wife Ponnamma, two daughters and a son.

Cremation will take place tomorrow at 11 am at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Temple tragedy

The grieving family members.

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They conspired to eliminate the rival group and unfortunately, the devotees were caught in the crossfire, said the reports.

The issue will come up for discussion today evening and Deputy Chief Minster Dr. G. Parameshwara, who also holds the Home portfolio and Health Minister Shivananda Patil are expected to make a statement in this regard.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the tragedy rose to 14 this morning with the death of Mailybai who died at the JSS Hospital. Till yesterday, the number of dead stood at 13. One more patient Meese Madaiah who is in a critical state at K.R. Hospital was shifted to Columbia Asia Hospital for advanced treatment this morning.

Pesticide content

Reports that have been obtained from Forensic Science Laboratory in Bengaluru and the local Forensic Department of the Police in Mysuru have confirmed that pesticides were mixed in the prasadam that was distributed to the devotees on Friday. The Police had sent the samples to the laboratories and the reports were obtained last night. '

District Minister G.T. Devegowda who visited the hospitals where the victims are being treated this morning and Southern Range IGP K.V. Sharathchandra said that the laboratories have confirmed the heavy presence of Organo Prosperous and Mono Crotopas in the food samples that were sent for testing.

Nervous breakdown

According to Dr. Guruswamy, Medical Superintendent of JSS Hospital, Organo Prosperous and Mono Crotopas cripples the nervous system that will ultimately lead to death. "The pesticides will also result in multiple organ failure. Usually one organ fails in the human body due to the pesticides and this results in a series of organ failures," he said.

Both Organo Prosperous and Mono Crotopas are so dangerous that the toxic content directly deposits in body fat and as the fat releases the pesticide content into the blood, the condition of the patient worsens. "It will take at least 15 days for the body to be stable and completely come out of the immediate harmful effects," he said and added that the after effects of Organo Prosperous and Mono Crotopas will be felt by the victims for a long time.

As on this morning, there were 14 deaths and 101 patients have been admitted to different hospitals in city. Of them, 24 patients are on ventilator support and 45 are in the Intensive Care Units (ICU). The remaining 56 are being taken care of at various wards.

Govt. permission must for distribution of prasadam

The State Muzrai Department has issued a Government Order that makes it mandatory for all temple managements to obtain government permission to distribute prasadam to devotees.

As per the order released this morning, local Revenue Department officials and Health Inspector must taste the prasadam after offering them to Gods and Goddesses before distributing the same to devotees in all Muzrai and other temples across the State. The Muzarai Department has also instructed the managements of the all temples to install CCTV cameras in the kitchen that is used to prepare prasadam for devotees. Temples must also seek permission from local administration officials before organising mass feeding, the order stated.

Crocodile carcass found in Bangaradoddi Canal

Mandya, Dec.17 (Nagaiah& KS)- A decomposed carcass of a crocodile was found in Bangaradoddi Canal at Srirangapatna.

A few youths, who had gone for a swim in the canal, found the crocodile carcass and informed the Forest Department officials.

It is suspected that the carcass may have been swept away in the rivers from Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary and the crocodile must have died about four days ago. The croc is about 2.25 mts.

long and is said to be about six-year-old. Forest Department officials visited the spot. Veterinarian Dr. Manjunath conducted post-mortem. A case has been registered at Srirangapatna Police Station in this regard.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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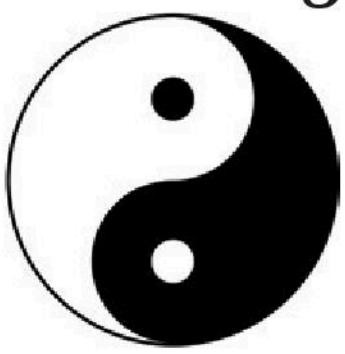
Thanking Universe



Although Feng Shui has laid down the basic requirements and cures to activate good Feng Shui, one of the easiest way to increase your own personal Chi of abundance is through gratitude.

Feng Shui can effectively bring about changes in a person's life and not only for wealth and health but can improve harmony and create cordial atmosphere at home. A good Feng Shui house has good Feng Shui anchored in its main energy centres — the bedroom, the bathroom and the kitchen.

A home or business has interior factors and exterior factors that influence you and your mood. Shape of the house, floor plan, positions of bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, desks, have an unseen psychological effect on you. History of the house, electro-magnetic energies emitted by electrical connections and cable, telephone, satellite dishes can have either positive or negative effects on you depending upon the sort of person you are. Similarly beams, lights, plants, water and influences of people surrounding you also have some role to play.

Creating auspicious Feng Shui means channelising excellent energy that brings not only harmony into a home but also good health, happiness and prosperity to its occupants. To assure the right choice of property, certain elements need to be studied before the purchase. The location, neighbourhood and lot placement are the critical points to consider.

From Feng Shui perspective, it does not matter whether your home is big or small. However, what matters most is that the home should vibrate with positive energy flow. The space that reflects the spirit of your home and the essence of your true personality is a vibrant space. The home should embrace a sense of comfort, beauty and style and give a warm feeling and a feel of secureness.

Organising the space and orienting things to garner support and improve prosperity is the primary focus while adapting Feng Shui. The time-tested solutions in Feng Shui aids in activating specific aspirations in our lives.

There are many whose burning issue is relationship and everything else is fine, for few others it could be wealth and health and some career. By analysing your living space or workplace you can identify the problem areas and transform the situation and this calls for some skill and analysis of the compass direction and an understanding of the interaction of elements called 'Wu Xing.'

• Light brings a vital source of energy and is the key element to setting the mood of any space. Depending on what you are trying to achieve, light can help highlight or tone down certain areas of the room. Fluorescent lighting helps flood the room with an ambient feel.

• All the things kept in your bedroom should be in good condition. Remove anything that is broken or damaged. It only indicates a broken relationship.

• Burning out a candle can clear the space of any negative vibes; it also helps to heal negative feelings of people living in the same place.

Although Feng Shui has laid down the basic requirements and cures to activate good Feng Shui, one of the easiest way to increase your own personal Chi of abundance is through gratitude. Being grateful to the universe for having bestowed abundance and given us all that we have is expressing a sense of contentment and gratitude.

Being thankful for what we have in our life, will attract the energy of abundance.

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A Jain family's one hundred years of 'Journey' in city

Man's nature is always to go in search of greener pastures and one which he has adopted since ages is through migration. Many communities from different parts of the country have made Mysuru their own and have assimilated into the culture of the city. One such is a Jain business family which settled down here more than 100 years ago. Here is the story. Read on... **—Ed**

By N. Niranjan Nikam

There is an old adage in Hindi which says, "Haveli ke umar saat saal" which means the life of a business house is 60 years. Though this saying is true, in our own city many well-known business establishments, be it hotel, retail shops or even industrial houses like agarabathi, have all faded away.

However, there are a few exceptions too, where the 'journey' still continues and to this ilk belongs a Jain family which migrated from Jaswanthapura near Mount Abu in Rajasthan in the 1900s to the heritage city.

It was Sakalchand Jain who set up a retail business first on Ashoka Road in 1908 and then moved to Sayyaji Rao Road in 1918 under the name **Rajaputana Trading.** His son Danmal Jain joined him in business. **Sakalchand was not only an enterprising retail trader but he is said to be involved in the construction of the golden dome of the statue of Chamaraja Wadiyar X,** said Nandu Jain sitting in his swanky new show room **"Journey"** on Devaraja Urs Road.

"My great grandfather Sakalchand Jain is learnt to have got specialists from Rajasthan to design the golden dome of the statue of Chamaraja Wadiyar," said Ramesh Jain, (Uncle of Nandu Jain) of **Rajaputhana Trading,** speaking to *Star of Mysore.*

Rajaputana Trading near Guru Sweet Mart was the shop which specialised in all kinds of day-to-day requirements that people in the city and from surrounding villages came to pick.

Sakalchand Jain

Nandu Jain at his new showroom 'The Journey.'

Going down the memory lane regarding the kind of things sold in Rajputana Trading, Ashok Kumar, 70, who began his career as a Sales Assistant in this shop almost 50 years ago and now is the Store-in-charge of Journey, another store on Devaraj Urs Road, recalled: "We were the only shop to sell the famous brand **Umrao wick stoves** those days. In fact we would get wagon loads of them and sell it for as little as Rs.8 or Rs.10. Apart from this, the shop was also known for **Sun Brand umbrellas, Bajaj Brahmi oil, Janata Stove, petromax, lanterns and brass stoves.** The shop was also known for two **famous flasks — the Hammer Master and Eagle Flasks,** not to forget the **Duckback bags."**

Rajaputana Trading expanded as it opened other stores under new names in other parts of the city.

All the while, Nandu who had joined his father, the late D. Hanjarimal Jain, in business had thought of expanding his own business.

That is when he opened the shop 'The Journey' on Devaraja Urs Road in 2004 and then moved into a bigger space on the other side of the road.

"I wanted to mark the 100 years of Ancestral Entrepreneurship and thus opened 'The Journey,' this 5,000 square feet flagship store, probably the first of its kind in south India to cater to the growing lifestyle and travel needs of the city and its global audience," said Nandu Jain sitting in the first floor of his plush chamber.

Jain said that **cruelty-free** products of leading international brands like Samsonite, VIP, American Tourister, Delsey from France, Caprese, besides handbags, college and school bags including ladies bags are housed in the new store. An online shopping app will also be launched shortly, he said.

PMKSY Scheme inaugurated at RUDSET Institute

Mysuru, Dec.17- Dr. M. Mahanteshappa, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, Mysuru, inaugurated the Income Generation Programme under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojane (PMKSY) scheme at RUDSETI, Mysuru.

The PMKSY scheme is aimed at creating Income Generation Activities at Mysuru district for the land labourers, small and micro farmers of Mysuru, Periyapatna, H.D. Kote and Hunsur taluks where the rainfall is very low.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Mahanteshppa highlighted the scheme and informed that the farmers and SHG members present in these taluks will be benefitted by taking-up self employment through RUDSETI.

The Government has made due provisions for taking-up of the self employment to the stakeholders of the area through RUDSETI.

N.G. Lakshman Rao, Director, RUDSETI, in his presidential address, thanked the Department for instilling confidence in RUDSETI.

Nagendra, Pushpalatha, Assistant Directors, Department of Agriculture, Mysuru, Watershed Assistants, Data Entry Operators, SHG members and RUDSETI staff were present on the occasion.

11th Edition of Tour of Nilgiris Concludes

Naveen John wins men's title

*A group photo of the winners in the 11th edition of Tour of Nilgiris (TfN) which concluded in Mysuru last evening. Seen are (standing from left) **Paul Stuart Wright (Great Britain, Veteran's section), Naveen John (India, Men's section), Katja-Lill Jensen (Denmark, women's section) and Kris Guns (Belgium, Master's section).***

Mysuru, Dec.17- Naveen John of India, taking part in the 11th edition of the Tour of Nilgiris (TfN) cycle expedition, won the title in the men's section, when the competition concluded in Mysuru last evening.

The cyclists on the final day pedalled 133 kms from Kalpetta and passed through Pullpally, Payampally, H.D. Kote and reached Mysuru.

Naveen John won the men's title while Katja-Lill-Jensen of Denmark won the women's title. Kris Guns of Belgium won the Masters (35-45 years) title and Paul Stuart Wright (Great Britain) won the Veteran's category title (above 45 years).

Kiran Kumar Raju of India won 'King of Kalhatti' title climbing the hill in a record time of 01:07.36s, while Katja-Lill-Jensen of Denmark was crowned 'Queen of Kalhatti' title for climbing the hill with a timing of 01:26.35s.

RESULTS

Men: 1. Naveen John (India) - 1:06:45, **2.** Nils Eigil Bradtberg (Denmark) - 1:07:23, **3.** Clinton Ian Leong (Australia) - 1:09:48.

Women: 1. Katja-Lill Jensen (Denmark) - 1:20:30, **2.** Lena Mareike Josefine Robra (Germany) - 1:23:07, **3.** Cora Van Laer (Belgium) - 1:23:46.

Masters (35 to 45 years): 1. Kris Guns (Belgium) - 1:10:11, **2.** Peter Roper (USA) - 1:11:37, **3.** Hemendra Upadhyay (India) - 1:18:53.

Veterans (Over 45 years): 1. Paul Stuart Wright (Great Britain) - 1:14:30, **2.** Reid Hamilton (Canada) - 1:19:11 and **3.** Caspar Andreis (Denmark) - 1:21:35.

'Invitation Cup' Hockey Tourney from Dec.20

Mysuru, Dec.17- Hockey Mysore, affiliated to Hockey Karnataka, has organised the Inter-District State-level Men's Hockey Tournament — Invitation Cup - 2018 — at University Hockey Ground in city from Dec.20 to 23.

The Tournament will be inaugurated at 4 pm on Dec.20. G.D. Harish Gowda, President, MCDCC Bank, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. Dr. Pulikeshi Y. Shetteppanavar, Deputy Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM), Pavan Ranga, Director, N.R. Group, A.S. Manoj Kumar, Director, Brindavan Hospital, P.M. Ganapathy, Vice-President, Mandovi Motors, Mysuru and M.U. Subbaiah, Advocate and Corporator, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), will be the guests of honour.

The closing ceremony of the Tournament will be held at 3.30 pm on Dec.23. HHSNW Foundation President Pramoda Devi Wadyiar and MP Pratap Simha will be the chief guests. Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra will preside. Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, DPE, UoM, Sudhakar Poojari, Proprietor, Poojari's Fish Land Restaurant, Mysuru, D.S. Mallikarjuna, CEO, Bhamys Construction Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru and M. Rajendra, CMD, RPSS Hotels Pvt. Ltd. & State BJP Secretary, will be the guests of honour.

AITA 50k Pondicherry Men's Tennis

Mysuru's Aryan, Ifthikar win Doubles title

Pondicherry, Dec.17- Mysuru lad Aryan Pathange, teaming up with Ifthikar Ahmed, won the Men's Doubles title in the AITA 50k Men's Tennis Tournament at Pondicherry recently.

In the final, Aryan and Ifthikar beat Pereeth Kumar Ramdas & T. Krishna Teja 6-4, 6-2 to clinch the title. In the semi-finals, the duo beat Kiran Arunachala & C. Ashwin 6-1, 6-1.

In the quarter-finals, Aryan & Ifthikar beat Raj Visnu & Aaron Paul Samson 6-4, 6-2. In the first round, they beat Harsha Vardhan and Adrian Bruce 6-2, 6-0 to move further up.

Winners of the Men's Doubles title in the AITA 50k Men's Tennis Tournament in Pondicherry — (from left) Ifthikar Ahmed and Mysuru lad Aryan Pathange.

KSCA Inter-Zonal U-14 Tourney

Mysuru gains first innings points against Mangaluru Zone

Bengaluru, Dec.17- Mysuru Zone gained the vital first innings lead and with that the first innings points in the two-day KSCA Inter-Zonal U-14 Group 'B' League tie against Mangaluru Zone at the BGS Grounds yesterday.

Batting first, Mangaluru Zone were bowled out for 112 in 87.2 by Mysuru Zone's bowlers. Adithya A. Kotian (20) top scored for Mangaluru Zone. Skipper Rohith Gowtham (three for 32), left-arm spinner H. Amogh (two for nine) and leg-spinner S. Dhanush Gowda (two for 10) were the wicket-takers.

In reply, Mysuru Zone scored 118 in 73.3 overs and secured the vital first innings lead of 6 runs. Opener S. Prajwal (32) and M.S. Yashwanth (26) batted well for Mysuru Zone. Mischith Pai (two for 28), Ashish Naik (two for 22), Achaman Sullia (two for 11) and Aditya Kotian (two for 14) were the wicket-takers.

In their second innings, Mangaluru Zone had scored 67 for four in 38.5 overs, before the match was called off. Achaman Sullia (25 n.o.) and K. Ashish Naik (24 n.o.) were the run-getters. S. Dhanush Gowda took two for 16 for Mysuru Zone.

Mysuru Zone secured three points for the first innings lead while Mangaluru Zone secured one point for the draw.

SCORES

Mangaluru Zone: 112 in 87.2 overs (Adithya A. Kotian 20, Rohith Gowtham 3 for 32, H. Amogh 2 for 9, S. Dhanush Gowda 3 for 10) & 67 for 4 in 38.5 overs (Achaman Sullia 25 n.o., K. Ashish Nayak 24 n.o., S. Dhanush Gowda 2 for 16) drew with **Mysuru Zone:** 118 in 73.3 overs (S. Prajwal 32, M.S. Yashwanth 26, Nischith Pai 2 for 38, Ashish Naik 2 for 22, Achaman Sullia 2 for 11, Adithya Kotian 2 for 14); **Mysuru Zone:** 3 points and **Mangaluru Zone:** 1 point.

Manish for SGFI National Tennis Tourney

Mysuru, Dec.17- Mysuru lad G. Manish, a product of Mysore Tennis Club and a II PUC student of Sapient PU College, Mysuru, taking part in the State PU Boys Tennis Tournament held in Bengaluru, won the Singles title.

With this win, Manish has earned selection to represent Karnataka in the SGFI PU Nationals.

Enters main draw

Meanwhile, Manish, representing Karnataka in the 50k AITA Men's Tennis Tournament in Bengaluru, yesterday won his final qualifying round and entered the main draw in the Men's Singles event.

G. Manish

In the final qualifying round, Manish beat Sai Pranav Ponnaka 6-1, 6-3 to enter the main draw. In the second round, Manish beat Thatagat 9-1 and in the first round beat Nikhil 9-1.

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Garbage dump, an eyesore in Rajivnagar

Heaps of garbage dumped on Devanur Water Tank Road in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase has become an eyesore. This apart, small velocity wind is scattering wastes such as empty plastic covers, papers and other light materials all over the place. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Shabby pavement works on Chamaraja Double Road

Shabby pavement works undertaken on Chamaraja Double Road is causing a lot of problems to the pedestrians, especially the senior citizens as the stone slabs which are supposed to be laid evenly or to be removed has not been done. Authorities concerned are urged to look into the issue and lay the slabs evenly.

Sensitisation programme on MSME Act for stakeholders on Dec.18

This Act helps recovery of delayed payments

Mysuru, Dec.15 (MTY&SR)- Mysore Industries Association (MIA) President and former MLA Vasu has said that an awareness programme on Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) Act, 2006, and the powers of the Facilitation Councils to help recover delayed payments is organised by MIA on Dec.18 at Lalitha Smaraka Bhavan at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology premises in city.

Addressing reporters at a private hotel in city, he said that this programme has been organised by MIA in association with the Directorate of MSME, Bengaluru, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru and MSME Council. This programme aims to help all stakeholders appreciate the salient features of the Act under which they are protected by law against delayed payment that affects their fortunes.

Commissioner of Directorate of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprise Development Gunjan Krishna will inaugurate the programme at 10.30 am.

MSME Additional Director H.M. Srinivas, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) Vice-President Raju, Joint Director of District Industries Centre D.K. Lingaraj, Deputy Director Ministry of MSME Piyush Agarwal, MIA President Vasu and MSME Council President Ravi Koti will participate.

Entrepreneurs from Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Hassan, Chikkamagalur, Chamarajanagar, representatives of various industrial organisations and establishments who purchase from micro and small scale manufacturers and service providers can participate. For details call Mob: 8217647961 or 9986444654.

Micro and small enterprises tend to be ancillary units to the medium and large industrial units and supply components that are outsourced from them. They tend to be bogged down by delayed payments that in turn stretch indefinitely. This often leads to the closure of many smaller units.

Entries invited for English Declamation Fest at AVK

Mysuru, Dec.17- Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), Mysuru, will be hosting the second V. Siddharthacharry Memorial English Declamation Fest on Jan. 12. The event is open to students of classes VIII and IX. (Two students from each class of each School can participate).

Students have to render a Speech / Poem selected from those prescribed for the competition. Interested Schools may send an email to: *vidyakula12@yahoo.com* to obtain registration form, details of the competition and prescribed extracts. Last date for registration is Jan. 3, according to a press release from B.T. Sarojini, Principal, AVK.

CII to host Annual Manufacturing and Technology Conference tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.17- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru Manufacturing & Technology Panel is organising the Annual Manufacturing & Technology Conference on Dec.18 at Hotel Radisson Blu in city at 10 am.

The theme of the Conference is "Operational Excellence - Journey to Business Excellence."

Arjun Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru and CEO of N. Ranga Rao & Sons, will be chairing the Annual Conference. Muralidhara Reddy, Convenor, Manufacturing and Technology Panel of CII and Vice-President, Operations and Site Head, Jubilant Generics, will set the theme of the conference.

Dr. N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII Karnataka and President and Whole Time Director, Automotive Axles, will deliver the Special Address. Kamal Bali, Managing Director, Volvo India, will deliver the keynote address. D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru will deliver the inaugural address.

Process improvement is an on-going effort to improve the organisational processes which can enhance the offerings on products and services. Operational Excellence is an element of business strategy that stresses the application of a variety of principles, systems and tools for ensuring sustainable improvement of key performance metrics through involvement of every employee.

To enable participants to understand the recent developments in the area of Operational Excellence following topics are being covered in the Conference :

Session 1: Panel Discussion on Role of Leadership in Operational Excellence - Part of Overall Business Strategy.

Session 2: Tools and Techniques to achieve Operational Excellence.

Session 3: Total Employee Involvement (TEI).

Session 4: Futuristic Transformation of Manufacturing Sector through Digital Revolution.

The Conference will bring together eminent speakers from the Industry, Professionals and Academia to deliberate on the Operational Excellence and how it can be leveraged for Business Excellence.

K-SET exam postponed to Dec.30

Mysuru, Dec.17 - The University of Mysore (UoM) will hold K-SET (Karnataka State Eligibility Test) Lectureship exam on Dec.30. The UoM had earlier scheduled to hold the exam on Dec.16 but as many other competitive exams were scheduled to take place on Dec.16, the UoM decided to reschedule the exam in the interests of the candidates, according to which the exam will now be held on Dec.30 at 11 Nodal Centres. A total of 94,840 candidates have registered for the exam and the seating arrangement will be announced in UoM website: *http://kset.uni-mysore.ac.in* after Dec.20, according to a press release.

Kumbarakoppal neglected

We live in boondocks, say residents

Mysuru, Dec.17 (SBD&SR)- Located amidst swanky buildings and various IT companies and factories, Kumbarakoppal paints a grim picture with the locality ridden with bad roads and an abysmally poor drainage system.

Battered roads, drainages, lack of streetlights and other basic amenities have left the residents fuming at the lack of action and commitment of elected representatives and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities.

This area which once had earned the reputation for efficient waste segregation and disposal of garbage in a scientific manner now lies in state of utter neglect without any sort of development. This area still looks like a village without any improvement.

Residents of the area complain that these civic problems have been haunting them for years now. Roads and by-lanes connecting Kumbarakoppal are in a worse shape.

For instance, the main road connecting Adishakthi Bannimaradamma Temple and Hebbal Surya Bakery Circle is riddled with potholes. Big craters on this road are posing danger to the lives of motorists.

Though road widening is not possible on this congested stretch, it can at least be made pothole-free. The unscientific underground drainage work undertaken on the road has further worsened the situation. The manholes with overflowing sewage are death traps to motorists.

"It is ironic that while the arterial roads in the busy commercial streets are in a good shape, the internal roads in Kumbarakoppal, located in the middle of developed layouts are worse than those found in villages," said residents living in the area since many years.

The roads connecting B.M. Shree Nagar, Brindavan Extension, KRS Main Road towards Hebbal Surya Bakery and Abhishek Circle around the layout are battered. Owing to bad condition of roads, traffic congestion has also worsened and those commuting through these roads are having a harrowing experience.

Every day, thousands of vehicles ply through this stretch leaving no space for pedestrians to walk. The houses located on the either side of these roads bear the brunt of dust. Overflowing sewage water from narrow and clogged drains and storm water drains mix with drinking water through supply pipes, allege the residents as they get smelly water at times.

"Due to constant overflow of sewage water on the roads, we are unable to even walk around the colony for the past few months," said residents. Even the roads surrounding Mahadeshwara Temple are also damaged by vehicular traffic. A large number of devotees flock the temple every year during Deepavali celebrations, but the roads connecting to the temple are in a pathetic state.

Stink welcomes you as soon you enter the premises. Many open areas are being used by the people to urinate and defecate. In addition to this, potholes are a major cause of nuisance. The garbage dumps and grazing stray cattle on it tell about the poor condition.

Expressing disgust at the situation of the locality, residents said that cleanliness has been a casualty here for the past many years and now the authorities have become more careless. "Leave aside infrastructure, at least cleanliness must be ensured," they said.

As there is no proper street light facilities, children, women and aged have to walk on the streets cautiously. A bridge that is constructed across the storm water drain behind Adishakthi Bannimaradamma Temple is also in a pathetic state. Residents heading towards Kumbarakoppal must pass through this bridge only. A portion of the retaining wall of this bridge that was constructed to prevent people from falling down has also been damaged. The long-pending demand of the residents for a new bridge has remained unfulfilled.

The park in front of the Bannimaradamma Temple is in a state of neglect. Residents are tethering their cattle on the compound wall grills of this park. Meanwhile, residents of Kumbarakoppal are planning to launch agitations and they have threatened to boycott upcoming elections to register their protest.

WORD OF THE DAY

Perennial

Pronunciation: Puh-REN-ee-ul.

Meaning: Present at all seasons of the year.
Origin: Nowadays when we talk about "perennial plants," or simply "perennials" (perennial can be a noun, too), we mean plants that die back seasonally but produce new growth in the spring. But originally perennial was equivalent to evergreen, used for plants that remain with us all year. We took this "throughout the year" sense straight from the Romans, whose Latin perennis combined per- ("throughout") with a form of annus ("year"). The poet Ovid, writing around the beginning of the first millennium, used the Latin word to refer to a "perennial spring" (a water source), and the scholar Pliny used it of birds that don't migrate. Our perennial retains these same uses, for streams and occasionally for birds, but it has long had extended meanings, too.
Example: The play has become a perennial showcase for young actors.

THE ODD WORD

Bashment

A large party or dance.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Plug-ugly

Meaning: Extremely ugly, usually of people.

Origin: The Plug Uglies were a street gang operating out of Baltimore, Maryland in the 1850s. The notorious Know Nothing Riot, in which political and gang rivalries flared up into mob violence, took place in Baltimore in 1856. A gang of organised desperate rowdies, some fifty in number, called the "Plug Uglies", arrived here this morning from Baltimore, for the purpose of defeating the Democratic ticket and keeping naturalised citizens from the polls.
Pugs aren't the most attractive of animals and many might say that only their mother could love them. 'Pug-ugly' seems as intuitive a coining as 'crystal-clear' or 'bone-dry'. It appears that 'plug-ugly' came in first, although 'pug-ugly' ran it a close second. Even in some early reports of the 'Plug-Uglies' in the Baltimore riots, the term 'pug-ugly' was included in the text.
Example: And she goes off with that plug-ugly who looks as if he had been hit in the face with a coin-die.

QUOTE BOX

The best revenge is massive success. **—Frank Sinatra**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Centre of gravity.

SUDOKU

					1			
8			5	7				
5				2		7	3	8
2			1				9	
	9						5	
	5				4			6
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				4	8			2
			7					

Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	3	4	8	1	2	6	9
1	6	8	2	3	9	7	4	5
9	2	4	7	5	6	1	3	8
2	1	5	6	4	8	3	9	7
8	4	6	3	9	7	5	2	1
7	3	9	1	2	5	4	8	6
6	5	2	8	7	3	9	1	4
3	9	1	5	6	4	8	7	2
4	8	7	9	1	2	6	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Weapon in a silo, for short
5 Small medicine bottle
9 Satellite Landing Sys.
12 Small burrowing mammal with blackish fur
13 Land set in sea
14 An outfit of tools
15 Rain heavily
16 Birth
18 Earnestly attempt
20 Hop Kiln
21 Emperor of Ethiopia
23 Palindromic boy
26 Loser (4-3)
29 Disagree or diverge
30 Dip or soak in liquid food
31 Serious play
33 Gad's son?
34 Rolling in the Deep singer
36 Pharaoh at the time of Exodus and Moses
38 Unit of type size?
39 Romantic poet
40 Singing group
42 Table of fixed charges and rates
46 Holy place for majority of Indians
49 Ancient Greek coin
50 ____ Bakr: 1st caliph of Mecca
51 A measure by which herrings are sold
52 Former monetary unit of Italy
53 Male cat?
54 High Definition Multimedia Interface abbr
55 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)

DOWN
1 Devilish ones
2 Crotchety old person
3 Obscure by smearing
4 Breed of sheep
5 An acid liquid used in pickling
6 International Standard Atmosphere
7 Choir members
8 Star Wars' Princes ___
9 Ninepins?
10 Put a light to
11 Place fit for a pig
17 Brandy letters
19 River in Central Arizona
22 Consisting of a single element
24 Grow weary
25 Elevator man
26 As soon as possible, acronym
27 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
28 A prism produces this from white light
29 Pacific island group
32 Cocktail
35 Windies batsman Brian ___
37 Joins or enlists
39 Above ____ : honest and unconcealed?
41 Small length
43 Footnote note?
44 Plural of forum
45 Anti-aircraft fire
46 A wooden barrel
47 Aborigine, in short
48 Samuel's pet name

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

T	O	D	D	■	E	B	B	S	■	H	U	F		
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R	U	N	S	■	I	L	L	■	P	Y	R	E		
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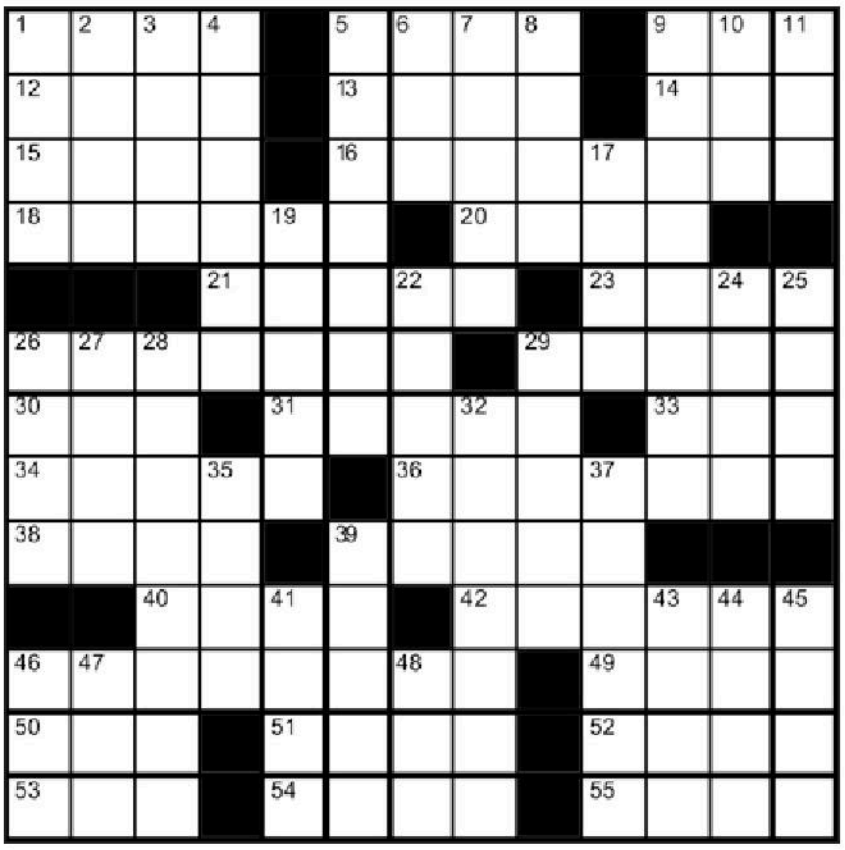

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TQRXUWKUB SC K MWXUQCC IB VNSUN HNQ MQXMZQ KWQ

PWQQ HX UNXXCQ HNQ RKA VNX VSZZ FQH HNQ IZKRQ

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No tyranny is so irksome as petty tyranny: the officious demands of policemen, government clerks, and electromechanical gadgets

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Viraaj	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
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Bhairava Geetha	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Sedu	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Rangada Hudugaru	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Aranyani	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Aquaman	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Roar	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Metric Pass 3	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Odiyan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Johnny	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
2.0 (3D)	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
2.0 (2D)	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Sarkar	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Viraaj (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Ben Is Back (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Spider-Man (2D-E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Aquaman (2D-E)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
2.0 (2D-H)	(S-3)	10.00 am; (S-2) 3.45 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 am
	(S-3)	6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Aranyani (K)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
Sedu (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Viraaj (K)	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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Odiyan (Ma)	9.15 am, 3.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse (E)	9.30 am
Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse (3D-E)	1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
2.0 (H)	10.05 am, 6.40 pm
2.0 (Ta)	12.45 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Aquaman (E)	12.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Orange (K)	1.20 pm
Kedarnath (H)	4.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Viraaj (K)	4.20 pm
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	7.10 pm
Aranyani (K)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Winners of QSCIENZA - 2K18

Mysuru, Dec.17- QSCIENZA - 2K18, the gala Science Festival organised by BASE PU College turned out to be a great opportunity for the young scientific minds to showcase their talents and compete at a larger forum.

About 60 teams participated in the written preliminary round, of which six teams qualified to the penultimate round in the competition. The qualifying teams had to strive intensely in the eight gruelling rounds in Science, Math and logical reasoning, to emerge as winners.

Dr. Swarnamala Sirsi and Dr. C.R. Nagendran, eminent Professors, were required to spend three arduous hours to accurately decide on the deserving winners in the Debate Competition.

In all, 12 participating teams contested on the highly debatable topics on Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Testing.

The valedictory function was attended by Dr. V.N. Balaji, Consultant, Jubilant Biosys Ltd., Surya Prakash, AVP, New Initiatives & Marketing, BASE Educational Services Pvt. Ltd., Dr. Swarnamala Sirsi, Associate Professor in Theoretical Physics, Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, Dr. C.R. Nagendran, Faculty, BASE PU College and Sangeetha Srinidhi, Principal, BASE PU College.

List of prize winners is as follows:

QUIZ

1st prize: Aniket Bhat & Vidisha Ponnappa from St. Joseph Central School, Vijayanagar; **2nd prize:** N.G. Dhanya Kumar & S. Niranjan (JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar); **3rd prize:** Kanva & R. Sanaatan (Acharya Vidya Kula).

DEBATE

1st prize: M.G. Impana (Christ Public School); **2nd prize:** P.C. Apeksha (JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar); **3rd prize:** Sayed Nousheen (Police Public School).

JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, bagged the Rolling Trophy of QSCIENZA- 2K18 as they scored maximum points.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.17)

Kannada Sahrudaya Balaga, CSIR-CFTRI: Valedictory of Kannada Habba-2018, Kannada Development Authority Chairman Dr. S.G. Siddaramaiah chief guest, Secretary Dr. Muralidhara distributes study material and certificates, CFTRI Director Dr. KSMS Raghava Rao presides, Cheluvamba auditorium, **3.30 pm.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, Deeparadhane, Attala Puja, Sri Bhoota Bali, Vilakku, Prasadam distribution, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Mahotsava-2018, discourse on 'Geeta Jnana - Yashasvi Jeevana' by BK Rashmi, #79, Swarnimabhavan, M-Block, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission: Datta Jayanti Mahotsava, Gita Jnana Yajna by Swami Aparajitanandaji on Bhagavad Gita, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.18)

Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Vaikunta Ekadasi, Uttara Dwara (North Entrance) open for devotees, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, Datta Nagar, **5 am to 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm to 10 pm.**

Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Temple, New Sayyaji Rao Road: Vaikunta Ekadashi Mahotsava, Subrabhata Seve, Pushpalankara Maharadhane, Tiruppavai Seve and other rituals, Temple premises, **5 am onwards.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja Seeveli - Uthsava with Vadyam, Kalashabhishekam, Abhisheka to God Ganapathi Udayasthamana Puja, Ucha Puja, **5.30 am to 12 noon;** Maha Annadanam, **12 noon to 3 pm;** Deeparadhana, Attazha Puja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, Prasadam Viniyoga, Prasadam distribution, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON): Sri Vaikunta Ekadashi, Vaikunta Dwara Darshana, **6.30 am to 10 pm;** Laksharchana, **9.30 am to 12.30 pm;** Sangeetotsava, **2 pm to 10 pm.**

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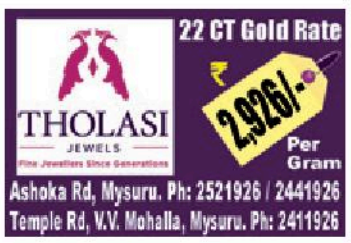

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